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In re Application of:)
Marc ALIZON et al.)
Appln. No.: 10/076,370) Group Art Unit: 1648
Filed: February 19, 2002) Examiner: Parkin, J.
For: VARIANT OF LAV VIRUSES)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

I, Dr. Marie-Lise GOUGEON, declare that:

1. I am a Research Director in Pasteur Institute, head of the Antiviral Immunity, Biotherapy and Vaccine Unit.
2. I have read and understood Application Serial No. 10/076,370, including pending claims 23-28 and 31-39, as well as withdrawn claims 40-50, copies of which are attached hereto.
3. I am not an inventor or owner of Application Serial No. 10/076,370, or the subject matter contained therein.
4. I understand that the Examiner has rejected claims 23-28 and 31-39 of this application as allegedly lacking written description support in the specification.
5. I have been asked to comment on the disclosure of the genus of immunogenic polypeptide fragments comprising HIV-1_{MAL} epitopes of 5-150 amino acid